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Welcome to Game Fan number 5. We finally made it to 100 pages and we're glad you're here to check it out. What I'm concerned about this month is how some so-called editors can bag on Sega, saying they had a terrible showing at CES and basically are totally blowing it. What's behind this? They manage to successfully paint a totally negative picture without looking at the positives, such as Spot, Fatal Fury, Flashback, Shinobi 3, Landstalker, Rocket Knight Adventures, Cyberg Justice, Splatterhouse 3 and X-Men, which are all excellent carts that are ready to go, and Batman Returns, Terminator CD, Silpheed, Wonderdog, Heimdall, Jaguar XJ220, Road Avengers and Final Fight, some of which are breakthrough CD games that bring us new technology like hardware scaling and fractal polygons for the first time, and are also very close to completion. Not to mention the Virtual Reality glasses, which I know first hand will be awesome.

What gives these boneheads the right to cut Sega down, given the circumstances, in front of thousands of gamers? Talk about misleading the public! I bet you won't see them chomping on Nintendo any time soon. What puzzles me even further is the Sega ads plastered throughout their contents! Sega doesn't even advertise with us (yet), but we wouldn't dare to start taking pot shots at them or anyone else for that matter. Bottom line, bring the info to the consumers (gamers) and let them decide. Okay, I'm done. Thanks for listening and enjoy the issue.

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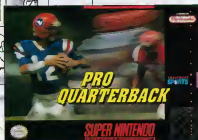
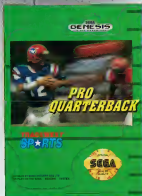


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Welcome to Game Fan's TOP TEN and MOST WANTED section. Here are the results based on your cards and letters... Keep them coming, because each time you write in (see instructions below) your name will go into a monthly drawing to win one of the goodies on the bottom of this page. So make your picks and send 'em in!

TOP TEN

- 1 Street Fighter II (SNES)
- 2 Sonic 2 (GEN)
- 3 Streets of Rage 2 (GEN)
- 4 Mario Kart (SNES)
- 5 Zelda 3 (SNES)
- 6 Super Star Wars (SNES)
- 7 Art of Fighting (NEO)
- 8 Fatal Fury 2 (NEO)
- 9 Madden '93 (GEN)
- 10 World Heroes (NEO)

MOST WANTED

- 1 Sonic CD (SEGA CD)
- 2 Landstalker (GEN)
- 3 Battletoads (SNES)
- 4 Batman CD (SEGA CD)
- 5 Final Fight CD (SEGA CD)
- 6 Phantasy Star IV (GEN)
- 7 Shinobi 3 (GEN)
- 8 Dragon Warriors V (SNES)
- 9 Cybernator (SNES)
- 10 Final Fantasy III (SNES)

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First Prize: Andrew Coward of Chula Vista, CA • **Second Prize:** Lisa Wells of Los Angeles, CA

Third Prize: Trevor Matthews of Needles, CA

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Drawing is limited to One (1) entry per person per month (Now say that 3 times really FAST!). Hope to hear from you soon. Drawings will be held on the 21st of each month. The three (3) winners will be notified by mail and listed on this page.

HOCUS

Travel With Thy Controller In Hand

ROAD AVENGER

(SEGA CD)

Level Select:

At the title screen press UP and enter the configuration screen. Press A 6 times and pick your stage!

Invisibility:

Enter the configuration screen and press A 5 times and B 1 time for invisibility.



Chakan:

Warp to the Elemental stages. When you start the game, go to the bottom right door, then go through the stage and get the battering mallet. Once you warp out, go back to the same door and get the (2) potions so you have the portal alchemy. Once you have them in your possession, die. Then, go up one level, then to the far right, to a patch of lonesome bricks. Use the alchemy spell and save yourself hours of work.



Sonic 2 (GENESIS)

Level Select:

Go to the option screen and go to the level select. (This part is important). After every number you move to, press the B button to start the music. The numbers are: 15, 16, 3, and 17. If the code works properly you should hear a chime after pressing B the last time. Then go to the title screen, hold down A and press START.



Street Fighter 2

(SNES)

Game Genie

For all the game players looking us, here's a code, using the Game Genie that will allow you to perform Chun Li's extra Champion Edition moves. (This extra frame of animation was intentionally put in...I wonder why?)

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Morrey tip:

Once at the stage select screen, go to the sound test and (like the first code) listen to: 4, 1, 2, and 4. Then Pick a level. Collect 50 rings to be Super Sonic without collecting any stage emeralds!

Tom Slick tip:

Also at the stage select screen, go to the sound test and listen to: 1, 0, 9, 2, 1, 1, 2, and 4. This will put you in a debug mode! (similar to the original sonic trick)



BY MORREY & TOM-SLICK

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Space Megaforce (SNES)

Level select:

When the planet appears on the screen reset the game (5) times (wait until the planet appears each time). After the 6th reset, hold down L, R, and START. Then hit select (5) times, hold down SELECT and go to the option screen. You can now select from all 12 levels!



Ramna 1/2 2 (SNES)

Hidden Character:

Once your at the player vs. player screen press and hold down the R, L, and A buttons. This will enable you to be our favorite character "Happy"



Art of Fighting (NEO GEO)

The Magic Move:

Loose at least 75% of your health and with a full spirit meter., do a half circle and and press C then A! (This move only works with Ryo and Robert)

Action Replay Codes (SNES/SUPER FAMICOM)

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7E24-BA05 Energy

PRINCE OF PERSIA:

7E25-0805 Infinite energy

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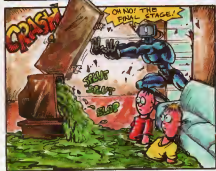
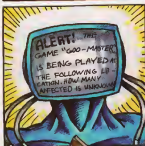
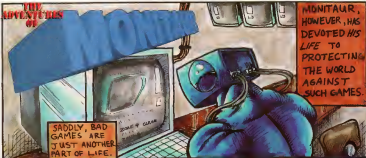
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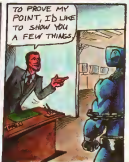
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Thanks everyone who wrote in.
Keep 'em coming!





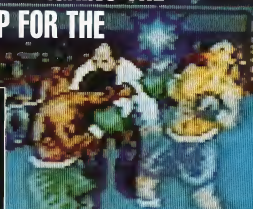






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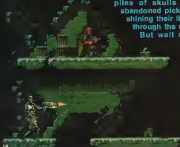


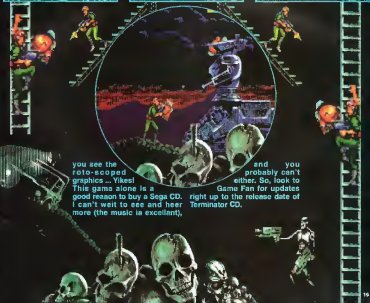
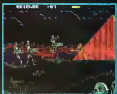
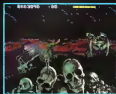
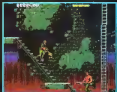
SEGA CD PREVIEW
PREVIEW BY E. STORM

THE TERMINATOR

VIRGIN
ACTION
1 PLAYER
SEGA CD
AVAIL. JUNE

Here's a sneak peek at one of the most eagerly awaited Sega CD titles of the year ... The Terminator. As we all know, games displaying the Virgin logo are some of the most creative and high quality games in the industry. And, when you see this game move, that becomes even more apparent. The version I previewed (shown here) is very early, containing only 2 of the 10 levels. However, what I saw amazed me. Kyle Reese animates like a real person, moving fluidly up and down stairs, climbing ladders, crouching, jumping, and shooting in the 1st level. The ecto-skeletons and Terminators are also incredibly fluid. In the 2nd level, the first thing that grabs is the background, with piles of skulls and abandoned pick-ups shining their lights through the mist. But wait until





you see the
roto-scoped
graphics ... Yikes!
This game alone is a
good reason to buy a Sega CD.
I can't wait to see and hear
more (the music is excellent),

and you
probably can't
either. So, look to
Game Fan for updates
right up to the release date of
Terminator CD.

SPLATTERHOUSE 3



NAMCO
ACTION
1 PLAYER
16 MEG
AVAIL MAY



I have, in the past, never been a huge fan of the Splatterhouse series. Jason has always seemed klunky and has never had the moves required to make it an addicting game. I am, however, a big fan of horror, special FX, and goo fests. That, Splatterhouse has always delivered. Now, on the third trip, Namco (as if they knew exactly what I wanted) has gone beyond my expectations with not only the moves and spurting goo, but even more so, with the storylines, which is incredibly morbid and gross ... I love it. Another thing that you'll really like is the massive length and re-playability of part 3. you can choose a straight



path to the boss or explore the many rooms in each level which are filled with dripping enemies and weapons of destruction. And Jason ... is gnarly. He now features all the moves found in the best fighters along with a special move where his flesh explodes outward and takes out enemies on both sides. Splat House 3 is one of those games that could only come out on the Genesis, another reason why I am a loyal Sega user. It's loaded with fun, eddying play, quality well drawn graphics, excellent sound effects, and there's even some nice surprises. It's definitely far and away the best version yet and further proof that the Genesis is alive and well. Namco really deserves our gratitude for keeping it messy.



ROLLING THUNDER 3



Attention Rolling Thunder fans, Namco has squeezed out one more sequel to keep you jammin', and this time it's 12 megs ... but, only one player. Sorry, this time you'll have to go it alone. The attention to detail in this new version is awesome with detailed, highly animated characters and colorful, multi-scrolling backgrounds (and more



of them). The immediate differences I found on our early ROM were smoother animation, faster game play, better control and way more diversity. The added jet ski and motorcycle levels are a gas! Sounds good, huh? We'll have more (a lot more) on this stellar sequel right up to its release.





James Bond 007 by Tengen/Domark is one of the most unique side-scrolling action games I have played in a long time, and a new approach more developers should look into. What we've got here is a small but intriguing character running through monstrous levels full of traps, enemies, secret places and hidden surprises. You're mislead, what else?... save beautiful women, diffuse bombs and fight the bad, nasty professors, you know, Bond stuff.

What I like about this game is that it is not a straight shot to the end of the level, it is huge and cavernous with more and more paths to take as the game progresses. And, the Bond character himself has excellent animations reminiscent of Out of This World. Although there are only 4 levels, the game is pretty long, so 1 of these levels equals 2 or 3 of most of today's action games.

It's refreshing to see Tengen churning out quality games. Sega get another strong 3rd party developer out there. I hope Sega Riot

and Tengen's future CD games show this much innovation and attention to detail...good show!

FATAL FURY

WINNER WINNER WINNER



TAKARA
FIGHTING
2 PLAYER
16 MEG
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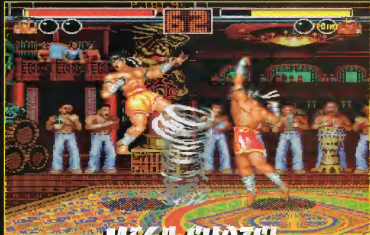


Unbelievable! That's what you will say when you see the Genesis version of Fatal Fury. Especially if you've seen the SF version, the one blow it away! Enter Andy, Terry and Joe...and every other character! You can choose anybody as any character vs. character, that's the way it should be! Now, get ready for the graphics and playability.

Each character is as large as its Geo counterpart, with all the color and detail, and the game moves fast and fluid, with the added option of jumping in and out of the background intact. The moves are also really negotiated with the Genesis control pad (although I recommend a good joystick) and there are even some new moves not found in the Geo or SF versions.

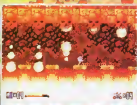
As far as the music goes, I would say it is high quality for a Genesis cart, but is in no way up to par with the Geo...but, who cares! A Genesis is 50 bucks. You have to sell your car to buy a Neo Geo. Fatal Fury is by far the best 1 on 1 on the Genesis, surpassing even Cyborg Justice and leaving all others in its wake. It will take the mighty Street Fighter to beat this one! But, until then, we've got 1 strong fighter to keep us busy.





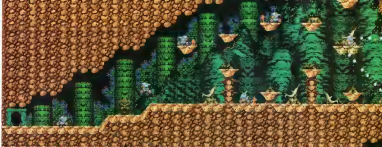
MEGA SHOTS!





I was a big fan of Blaster Master back in the not so good ol' days of 8-bit. So, my expectations were very high for a 16-bit version. I hoped that the original format would be adhered to and it has been, except for the 3/4 view action scenes which are now side scrolling. Sunsoft also added an overhead view to the end of each level, so there are actually four modes: driving, side scroll (with a tiny guy), side scroll in rooms (with a big guy) and overhead driving, making Blaster Master very diverse and fun to master.

The graphics in all four modes are excellent, with ultra high detail and bright colors. I especially liked jumping out of the car and playing the little guy, as the level seems to tower over you as you jump across caverns with fire spewing skulls overhead and fiery pits below. The driving sequences are also fun. The car is drawn great and moves well. In each level, you must first drive, then exit the vehicle and find the correct passages leading to the bosses. Then, go back to your car and exit through an overhead battle.



All of this makes Blaster Master 2 long and very challenging. In Blaster Master style, you can rig your vehicle with hover jets, a drill and assorted weapons. Your human character can even get a jet pack and special weapons.

My only complaint (and it's minor) is some of the music and the lack of backgrounds in the boss rooms. Other than that, this is an excellent Genesis game in every aspect, and one that adventurous and patient gamers will especially appreciate. Now, bring on the SNES version!



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There's trouble in Bedrock ... but fear not, Fred Flintstone is on the job, ready to lend a hand to Wilma, Betty, Barney, and Pebbles courtesy of Taito and the Sega Genesis. Taito did not take advantage of this big name and just cranked out a so-so game, they obviously took their time and the result is a well thought out action platform excursion. The first thing I noticed when I fired up the Flintstones was how well the actual cartoon is represented. Fred is drawn perfectly and his moves are very fluid. The backgrounds and enemy characters are equally impressive. As Fred you'll walk, jump, climb, swim, and basically



club every thing in sight as you fight your way to the final boss. All the levels in the Flintstones have something new to offer. The Flintstones delivers an excellent action platform game to your Genesis. This game is worth a big looky ... okay I'll say ... Yabba Dabba Do!





Sombody finally did the X-Men justice in a video game and, of course, it's Sega. For some reason, I wasn't that excited about this one, probably because most comic book games of late have been anything but great games. So, when I started playing X-Men, I was really surprised.

The characters are large and highly detailed, they also move very well and have specialized attack techniques that are easy to execute. For instance: the cyclops eye beam, you can power it up by holding the button and then you can rotate his head 360 degrees. Most of the characters also have a double jump attack. The game is well designed, it's mastering each character and adapting to the right level that will ultimately lead you to victory. I can guarantee that using the wrong character or set of characters will lead to certain death. The coolest thing about the game is the music and out of the background, as well as the use of the X-Men, Storm, Arch Angel or Gade Grey as options.

Graphically, X-Men is excellent, with good detail on all of the X-Men and the enemies alike. If I have one complaint, it would be the music, it is o.k. for a home grown game, but still not up to par with Japanese programs. So if you are looking for a good, long action game, join Gambit, Wolverine, Nightcrawler and Cyclops and loose. Go onto once and for all.



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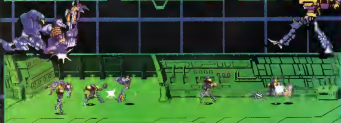
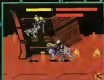
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AVAIL APR



I have never been more surprised by a cartridge game than I was by Cyborg Justice, which is to me, the ultimate fighting game, along with an awesome two player simultaneous action game, in one packed 8 meg cartridge.

It all starts when a lone space ship crashes and burns on the planet, its human inhabitant all but dead...except for his brain, which is transplanted in to an organic system. However, the memory erasure procedure doesn't take, and when unit 127 is put in to the general population, he rebels and the search and destroy order is given. Can you and your cyborg escape? Finding out is some of the most fun you'll ever have.

In this game, you can set up your cyborg with several different sets of arms, legs and bodies for a different experience each time you play and great diversity in the one-on-one fighting game. Some arms include flame throwers, saws, lasers and fists, and you can choose pneumatic, spiked, frog logging or tank legs. But, the best thing about Cyborg Justice is definitely the animation. Every





character and every move is so fluid that you'll be staring at your screen, drooling...

The graphics and playability are also excellent. So, whether you're looking for one-on-one fighting or action, Sega's got a game that completely succeeds at both. As soon as you see it, buy it, and if you don't have a Genesis, well, you're hatin' it.



Out Run 2019

SEGA
RACING
PLAYER
3 MISS
AVAIL. MAR



The problem with reviewing a Genesis driving game is that Sega itself set the standard long ago when it created Super Hang-On, Super Monaco GP and Super Monaco GP II. It is very difficult for any cartridge based driving game to match up to those titles, and, to a lesser extent, Out Run for the Genesis. Enter Out Run 2019.

From Sega. This game is fast. It has unique race features like overpasses and ramps that you can actually jump on to end up at, and a great turbo-charge feature that is accessed when you maintain top vehicle speed for a set period of time. Graphically, it is one of the better racers. The sound is a little bit flat, but good music and plausible sound effects. It is an enjoyable game, but you may want to go to the options screen before playing it. Experienced racers will find the game to be no match on any of the normal difficulty settings, so you may want to immediately set the difficulty to hard. Raising the difficulty of Out Run 2019 to be an enjoyable, but very quick, journey.

If you are driving faster than a bullet, add this title to your collection. But, if you are a slow driver, you will be better served by other Sega racing games like Super Monaco GP II.



HIT THE ICE



HIT THE HOCKEY LEAGUE



I finally get to Hit the Ice on my Genesis with all the head cracks' high stickin' action right out of the arcade. H.T.I. is the sports game for people who don't like sports games as it ultimately turns into more of a brawl than anything else. Each team of buff muscle heads has their own special attacks along with varied power, speed, and shooting skills. The Genesis version has huge colorful characters that control very well and good playability. However, in the version we reviewed the voices were absent. I hope Taito adds them prior to the release. So let's get to the game. Hit the Ice is extremely fun, especially head to head. It's not just hockey, it's two on two fighting hockey. There's also some super shots dropped in that will send your player flippin' and slice right through the goalie! So basically if you liked the arcade game or your just looking for a good two player sports slug fest Hit the Ice is the only game in town. The graphics are top of the line and the playability is excellent. Taito has done a good job translating this one remaining very faithful to the arcade original.



RENOVATION
 ACTION
 1 PLAYER
 8 MEG
 AVAIL. APR.



If you've played the Thunderforce series, or Devil's Crush on the Mega Drive, you already know that Technosoft of Japan makes some of the most quality Sega carts around.

Elemental Master is one that somehow slipped by, and for some reason, was not picked up for American



release ... until now. Renovation has had the good fortune of obtaining this title and is ready to go with a U.S. release. Elemental Master is an overhead action shooter where you will guide a powerful magician through 7 colorful levels (3 of which you will not see

until conquering the 1st four) filled with well drawn enemies, excellent special effects and huge, non-flickering, bosses.

In the Technosoft tradition, the sound on both the music and shot FX is crisp and clear, reminiscent of the Thunderforce collection. Although this is just a preview, I can

pretty much guarantee you, this is a game you do not want to miss. It has the playability and lasting power a cartridge game needs to remain in your collection for years to come.



TIME GAL

RENOVATION
INTERACTIVE
PLAYER
SEGA CD
AVAIL. APR.

Renovation has gotten hold of Time Gal, and it's on its way to your Sega CD... Rude, the baddest villain of the 31st century, has stolen the only time machine in the world and has run away through time and space. Time Gal is the lovely daughter of Professor Camron, the inventor of the time machine, so she has been time traveling since she was a little girl. Thus comes the name, Time Gal. Because of her many experiences, the people ask her to trap Rude. So now, wearing the brand new microsuit (which is capable of briefly stopping time), she sets out through time in search of Rude. Games like Time Gal are the reason you bought a Sega CD. Wolfenstein manipulates the hardware like magic with fast, smooth animation, excellent color and virtually no access delays. We compared the Sega CD version to a VHS of the original game that Renovation sent us, and we could not believe how exact it was. In the tradition of Cobra Command and Road Avengers, Renovation continues to bring us the best from Japan. We will review the American version of Time Gal next month.



SIERRA
ADVENTURE
1 PLAYER
SEGA CD
AVAILABLE

THE ADVENTURES OF Willy Beamish



Along with CD technology, there's a new breed of game on the horizon. Computer gamers are already familiar with these (which scares me), but we action fighters and RPG guys are in uncharted waters.

It is time to slow down...relax and use your brain instead of your technique. Yes, it's interactive time, where you must make decisions for your on screen buddy and guide him through the pitfalls of life...day, by day, by day. So, have a stretch, grab some supplies and get set to park your carcass for many hours.

Willy Beamish is a very likable character. I found myself escaping in to the character rather quickly and, in spite of the nauseatingly slow loading time, having quite a fun time. I never thought in a million years that I would like this kind of game. But, the programmers at Sierra have obviously gone out of their way to assure us hours of interesting play with a great cast, an interesting story and some very well drawn and colorful graphics.





MEANWHILE



The version I played was early and loaded way too much. If this flaw is corrected, the game could be something special. The object of the game is to keep your trouble meter low and keep Willie out of military school. This is not easy, temptation lurks around every corner. For example, when you push your little sister on the swings, do you look out for her safety, or send her rocketing in to orbit.



Graphically, the orbit thing is much cooler. But, you know there is going to be major trouble if you do. So, save your game, then go back end roast the brat! Whatever you do, make sure you find your way to the nurse so that you can catch a glimpse of her huge you-know-what's. Yikes! I'm in love.



Willie Beamish is loaded with sight gags, intrigue and mischief. So, if you are tired of the same old grind and were smart enough to buy a Sega CD, check in to it and just...relax...



TAITO
ACTION
2-PLAYER
CO
OP
NINJA WARRIORS

THE NINJA WARRIORS



Ninja Warriors has been on the unknown list for the past two years in the Japanese Sega magazines. It got to the point where I lost all hope of ever seeing one of my favorite arcade games on the Mega Drive. So, when it finally showed up on Mega CD, you can imagine how stoked I was. Now, not only do I get the game, but I also get the awesome Zuntata soundtrack to go with it! They've even added an option to select either arcade or arranged music and a cool still frame movie that explains the mystery of the Ninja Warriors complete with English narration. If you're not familiar with the game, Ninja Warriors is a one or two player game where you control what looks like a ninja, but is actually a mechanical doll who, when hit, loses bits of flesh to expose the inner skeleton. Your doll can walk/backward and forward) and block, crawl and block or walk and slash with knives. You can also flip and throw shurikens. Your enemies are almost completely military (except for dogs and mutants). Foot soldiers, gunners and tanks attack non-stop from both in front





and behind. What makes this all so special, is the two player interaction, the incredible animation and the hard drivin' Zuntata soundtrack. This CD version is practically identical to the arcade game and is, by far, Taito's best work to date on a home system. Ninja Warriors is another rea-



son to shop around for a good deal on a Mega-CD. This is just one of the many hot CD titles that, for now, are only available in Japan, and there are many more coming. Taito's next U.S. CD release is Night Striker, and hopefully Ninja Warriors will follow.



アネット再び

Anette Again

WOLFTEAM
ACTION
1-PLAYER
MEGA CD
RATED MATURE



I have to start off this article with a question. Where would the Mega CD be without Wolfteam? ... Probably in the closet.

approach instead of the usual action/platform format. They say this is due to popular demand and market research, so

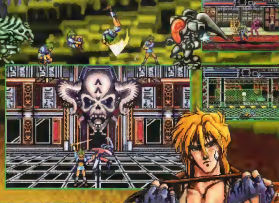
Do these guys ever stop programming? Well, I'm glad they're around and very happy that they've decided to bring us a CD sequel to one of my all time favorite Mega Drive games, El Viento. In Anette Again, Wolfteam has chosen a final

the question is: How do you take the standard kick and punch theme and turn it into something new and different enough to make it desirable? Well, in how about 20 minutes of awesome animation sequences including the return of Ernest Evans?





That's a start! They've also given Annette, who is already incredibly animated, a whole new set of awesome moves including a throw, a hyper slash, and a flipping stab just to name a few. The enemies are also impressive, well drawn, and come in a vast range of shape and forms. Other new features are the one on one fighting scenes that separate the levels, and Annette's incredible new magic spell that brings down a huge bending skull that does severe damage to every enemy on screen. Add to all of this colorful detailed multi-scrolling backgrounds that coincide with the animation, and an incredible soundtrack and you've got another masterpiece from Wolfteam. These shots are from our early 60% version, but the finished ROM is on the way, so we'll have a full spread with all the levels and a complete review next month. It's time to start shopping for a Mega CD if you don't have one. Look for more Mega CD exclusives next month.



DEVESTATOR



WOLFGAME
SHOOTER
1 PLAYER
CD
REAL HARD FM

Devestator is a hot new animated cartoon appearing in Japan. Wolfteam started developing the CD game back in August 1992, and completion is near with a February street date. This is only three levels worth of screen shots, including the opening cartoon which is actually frame by frame exact, except for the resolution.

In Devestator, you pilot a massive cyber-suit, shooting and power sliding on the ground and flying through the air.

Even though our CD was a very early version, the music and graphic presentation were awesome, with countless scrolls in the third level and a huge scaling boss in level two. Devestator is sure to be another fantastic effort from Wolfteam. Who, for the first time, bring us a cartoon with our game. Look for a full review in Game Fan splendor next month.



PREVIEWS

Unfortunately, *Samurai* CD is not on the unknown list. We're checking into this, and will give you a release next month.

Reinforced by JVC/CORE is about 70% complete. This mythological quest uses an isometric viewpoint for realistic 3D and features fully animated real-time battle scenes. More next month.

Konami's *Reign of Kings* Adventure (my personal favorite new game) is perhaps the best Genesis game I have ever played. We're working hard to get our hands on this one.

Possibly the best character game of '93 is getting completion, and you know where you'll see the first version. We're on it.

Stripped from the new hit series, *Major League* features 7 new intense events along with 7 big models (which are one on one fighting). A new system was used to make the fighting scenes an unbelievable. Look for a greatly up-sized next month!

#3 in the Golden Axe series features 4 all new characters, 2 player simul, 8 rounds (13 stages total), and a new verses mode. More on this awesome new game next month.

Check out this awesome new level they've added to the MCD version of *Final Fight*. Also check out (see left) what you know they'll be taking out of the BCD version. FF is due for a March release (Japan).

No such in your month's issue. *Golden Axe* (your name) is almost complete. Look for an awesome special next month.

Another one of my favorite games for the Mega CD is almost finished. I just to move. We're trying hard to obtain a new for our next issue. Get ready for the ride of your life.

3D system, in working completion and in due out this issue. This awesome MCD and BCD are the last ever.

Another awesome new FF 3 for the MCD is on the way, *Warrior's*. We will have a full article on this game in our next issue.



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PLANET SNES



SUPER NES NEWS
PREVIEW BY TALK

KONAMI
ACTION
1 PLAYER
SNES
AVAILABLE



BATMAN RETURNS



Some people might say "I've had enough of Batman, the movies, the hype, the games, the merchandising" ... Well, it's time to SNAP OUT OF IT! Konami's made one, and you know what that means ... Time to go out and buy another great game. No risk, no questions asked, it's Konami. I'd buy this one for the intro alone. Batman

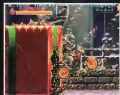
Returns opens in true movie





style, with digitized screens, an on screen story line, and some of the best music that's ever come out of your speakers. But the fun really begins when you start to play. Konami takes the side scroll fighting format to new limits, with huge colorful characters that move smoothly (the Red Triangle Gang never looked so good), and a whole new set of moves that totally break the mold. How about grabbing some punk and throwing him against the wall, thunk! Or get between two enemies and, crack! Slam their heads together, it's all in a good days work for Batman. You also get to hang around with the grappling hook, slam down bombs, and spin/slash with your cape. . . And when you get to level 5, it's time to drive. . . FAST! And shoot. The Bat mobile





level is awesome. It's very smooth, and even has some great little hills, in mode 7? (how'd they do that?) Basically this is the ultimate Batman game. It's long, it's diverse, it has phenomenal graphics, and even Mr. Ehlman would be proud of the music. So as soon as Konami shines the bat signal (at a retailer near you), rush right down and pick one up. Batman Returns will disappear quickly. We'll try to bring you another great Konami game next month. Until then.

... Have fun.



THE TERMINATOR

MINDSCAPE
ACTION
1 PLAYER
3 MSX
AVAIL. MAR.



Back in the early days of Arnold, James Cameron created an incredible Sci-Fi movie on a small budget. I wonder if he had any idea of the excitement he would create and the amount of licensed products that would stem from his creation. Mindscape's Terminator is yet another creation based on the movie.

This Terminator opens strong with a great intro (just like the movie) and a strong first level. It's dark and desolate with well drawn ecto-skeletons appearing everywhere and eerie pulsating music. Everything is going well ... until level two. It's almost liked they switched programmers here. The character is poorly drawn and stiff and you find yourself jumping around on half ladders sprinkled across a bland brick building. When you do reach the roof you are attacked by helicopters. Problem is, your character is momentarily frozen, left to get hit and die. But wait! If you manage to get through all of this, what's next is an awesome driving sequence with vertical wells that scale fast and smooth.



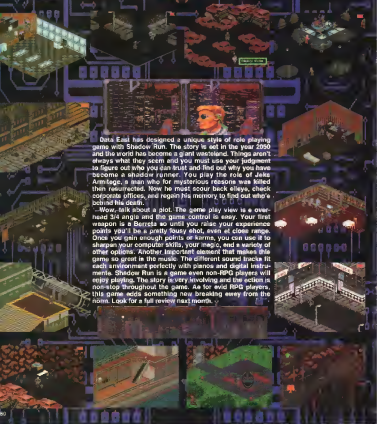
WOLFCHILD

VERMILION
ACTION
1 PLAYER
SNES
ANALOG STICK



This mighty Sega CD title finds its way to the SNES. Although the music obviously can't live up to the quality found in the CD version, the graphics, in this early version, look better than those found on the Sega title. More color, tons of parallax scrolling and great animation add up to what looks like a strong SNES action game.

The control, at this point, is a little slow, but character control is typically something that the bugs are taken out of later in the design process. No worries, we will keep you posted on development in future issues.



Data East has designed a unique style of role playing game with Shadow Run. The story is set in the year 2050 and the world has become a giant wasteland. Things aren't always what they seem and you must use your judgment to figure out who you can trust and find out why you have become a shadow runner. You play the role of Jake Armitage, a man who for mysterious reasons was killed then resurrected. Now he must scour back alleys, check corporate offices, and regain his memory to find out who's behind his death.

—Wow, talk about a plot. The game play view is a over-head 3/4 angle and the game control is easy. Your first weapon is a Beretta so until you raise your experience points you'll be a pretty lousy shot, even at close range. Once you gain enough points or karma, you can use it to sharpen your computer skills, your magic, and a variety of other options. Another important element that makes this game so great is the music. The different sound tracks fit each environment perfectly with pianos and digital instruments. Shadow Run is a game even non-RPG players will enjoy playing. The story is very involving and the action is non-stop throughout the game. As for avid RPG players, this game adds something new breaking away from the norm. Look for a full review next month.



B.O.B.

EA
ACTION
1 PLAYER
5 MISS
AVAILABLE



Coming off what was possibly their best action title ever, Risky Woods, EA now brings you their new action game for the SNES...B.O.B. When you first get in to this game, you will undoubtedly have a smile on your face. B.O.B. himself is a crack-up. The programmers went overboard loading up this cute little robot with major personality, including countless sight gags and sound FX. The graphics and sound are well done with good color and excellent explosions after shooting an enemy. The basic goal of each level is to find the exit, this is where B.O.B. starts to fade. Each level is basically a more complex maze with different enemies and pitfalls. It just gets kind of boring running around trying to find the right items and an exit. Repetition is the problem. There are a few bosses that help liven things up, but overall, there just wasn't enough to hold my interest all the way through. I do think,

however, that B.O.B. does have an audience out there. Gamers who like solving puzzles may find this game to be the ultimate adventure. One thing is for sure, B.O.B. himself is an excellent character...sequel, maybe?

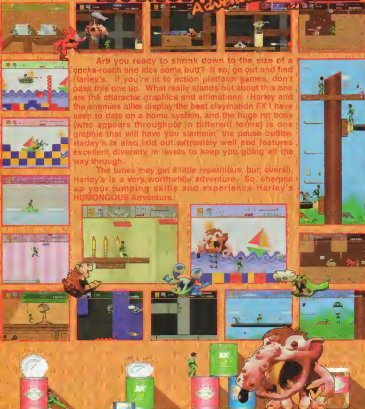


HARLEY'S
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Are you ready to shrink down to the size of a cockroach and kick some butt? If so, go out and find Harley's. If you're in to action platform games, don't pass this one up. What really stands out about this one are the character graphics and animations. Harley and the enemies alike display the best claymation FX I have seen to date on a home system, and the huge rat boss (who appears throughout in different forms) is one graphic that will have you slammin' the pause button. Harley's is also laid out extremely well and features excellent diversity in levels to keep you going all the way through.

The tunes may get a little repetitious, but, overall, Harley's is a very worthwhile adventure. So, sharpen up your jumping skills and experience Harley's **HUMONGOUS Adventure**.





If you're familiar with cartoons, I'm sure you know all about Widget, the little purple alien with more morphs than a T-1000 and a heart of gold.

In this all new SNES adventure (coming soon), you will guide Widget through tons of colorful levels, both above and below ground, while annihilating the galactic goot bots in an effort to stop the growing evil on earth and graduate from apprentice night watcher.

What immediately stands out about this one is the incredible amount of variation in the character. There's Muscle Widget, Air Widget, H'O Widget, Speedy Widget and even more widgets in between! This should keep the game interesting and make for a good replay-ability factor and, judging from our sneak peek, this game has got the graphics to go far. Look for more on Super Widget in future issues.



GODS

NINTENDO
ACTION
1 PLAYER
5 MEG
AVAIL. NOW

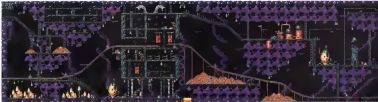
When I first got Gods for my SNES, I thought "Cool, I can do a Retro-comparison with the Genesis version and no problem on writing my review!" but things didn't quite work out that way because they're identical. The only difference was that the SNES has better sound effects. So, I guess I really have to use my brain on this one and write something messy. The Blomberg Brothers have a distaffe-ness about their graphics that gives off their games a unique feel. Gods is unquestionably one of those games. Gods has just enough challenge to satisfy me that I haven't wasted 50 bucks on a game that I'll never see again.

Gods not only requires that you be an adept action-platformer player, but you must explore each world thoroughly to go on to the next, and the bosses are to die for (humor). As you can see they are drawn extraordinarily well, but wait 'til you see those minimal Fun!Mies. I can hardly wait to see what's in store for us in the rubble from the BE.



**ALCO
ADMINISTRATIVE
LITERATURE
3 MEG
AVAIL. MON.**

KING ARTHUR'S WORLD™

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KITARO'S ADVENTURE



GRAPHIC
 ACTION
 2-PLAYER
 5-LEVEL
 100% WIN



Are you ready for something completely different? How about a kid with one eye and a tiny companion with an eye for a head that lives in his hair? Enter Kitaro. Kitaro and his father live in a ghost house full of mutants (smokes sense, the guy in Kitaro's hair is his dad). In fact, they are mutants. Anyway, one day they receive a letter from the future (1999) from Kitaro's future girlfriend ... are you following me? The letter tells of Kitaro's death, so now he must find the portal to the future and save himself. Tell me the guy that wrote this wasn't smokin' pine!

Regardless of the story, Kitaro's Adventure is really





• pretty good game with phenomenal graphics and absolutely no trace of slow down or flicker. The only downfall is the game's structure. In each level you basically defeat two guardians and then face the boss, trouble is, there's not much in between. So, the levels, though numerous, are kind of short. Even with this shortcoming, however, Kitaro's Adventure is a fun game with excellent play mechanics and tons of challenges. So, if you're ready for a freak fest that breaks the mold, head back to the future with Kitaro's Adventure.



武者 MUSYA



SEGA
 ACTION
 POWER
 2 MAG
 AVAILABLE NOW



Sega has decided to give us gamers a taste of the orient by bringing out their unique action platform title, Musya. This is definitely not your run of the mill action game as it hosts a dark Japanese theme with a haunting sound track, truly unique enemies and bosses, and a pike wielding lead character who is reminiscent of a Samurai warrior and wields some powerful magic spells. The backgrounds in Musya are very original, ranging from eerie caves to bone laden battle fields, and they are highly detailed. As for as difficulty and length, Musya delivers on both counts. So the deciding factor in Musya becomes the strange graphics and the slow pace at which the game moves. This is not fast action, but slow mesmerizing game play that requires a lot of patience to remain interested in and reach the games high points, which are the last few levels on your 2nd way through (after beating the first levels you are sent back to the beginning and have to go through again to reach the new levels). Overall Musya is an interesting effort, that because of it's uniqueness will most likely appeal to the game player who has everything





Kendo Rage

DEAN POLSTAR
ACTION
PLAYER
3 MEG
MAY 1991



Are you looking for something different? Well, if so, have we got a game for you. Kendo Rage is definitely very unique for a side scroll action title.

All the usual elements are here; special weapons, power-ups, platform jumping, etc., along with some very unusual stuff like truly odd bosses, kooky swimming levels and getting on a bus at the end of each level. The playability is very

good and the graphics are well drawn and colorful. The only drawback is that the whole formula is just kind of boring, unless, like I said before,

you are looking for an obscure import to add to your collection.

There is an American version of Kendo Rage in the works and, hey, with a few cosmetic changes, this game could turn out to be a worthy SNES title. We'll keep you posted.



NEUGIER



Once again, we raise the Wolfteam flag...But wait, this isn't Sega, it's Nintendo! Yes, the long overdue 1st game(that we can play at least) from Wolfteam is coming soon. It's an action/RPG called Neugier(Nol Gear), and it's really something special.

Wolfteam is known for innovative programming and new ideas, so they've taken a tried and true formula and added some new life.

In Neugier, your lead character, in RPG style, runs and swings a sword, but this guy also jumps, not just across things, but up and down as well. This game is built on on two plains, so you can fall into and arise out of the play field. Our hero also carries a grappling hook and WT has found many ways for him to use it. You can hook an item, drag it around or swing it into a wall to discover its contents. You can also hook on to platforms floating high in the air, and reel them in. In fact, mastering this technique is mandatory in the many intense jumping sequences throughout the game.





The other major standout in our early version is the music...masterful! There is also some incredible animated characters and, of course, a great story and awesome graphics. Wolfteam has done it again, this time on the Super Famicom. I wonder what's next? Whatever you do, don't let Neugier pass you by.





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RACING
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MOON CITY



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DARK FOREST



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HIGHLANDER

Stop your use of inferior products. Let a sports bike ride at work and they have lost color. Your Super Famicom/VNES is perform at ultimate speed. Welcome to the fastest sequel in the history of video riding: F-1 Exhaust Heat 2. As many of you know, Beta has developed a DSP (Digital Signal Processor) for you, which buzzes along at a 21 MHz clip. F-1 Exhaust Heat 2 is the first game to take advantage of the new technology and the increased game speed that the DSP allows becomes evident the moment you power-up and



DAWN CHORUS



RED MAUB



BLACK STONE



LASER BLASTER



METAL RABBIT



WILD BEAR



MAD POINT



GREAT SETA

start live game. The speed in this game is mind-blowing. At times there are up to 15 live cars on-screen with no slow-down and the game moving at a break-neck pace. F-1Ez has at least 2 offers players a chance to compete at 3 difficulty levels: Group C with a fantasy vehicle and F-3000 and Grand Prix, which allow you to compete in Formula 1 style machines. The first 2 levels have 8 courses each, with the Grand Prix level having all 14 Formula 1 courses represented. The game is from a behind-the-vehicle Mode-7 perspective that is very similar to F-Zero.



PARADISE



PIT STOP!



SUNSET HORIZON

THE ULTIMATE TALK'S
 TPC takes the talk-show advice on this one, go to the Grand Prix stage and build up your car's stats, reaching the top of the list to upgrade your vehicle along the way. If you do this, you will be treated to speed that will make your eyes water. 'Nuff said, play the game.



AUSTRALIA



BELGIUM



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CANADA



FRANCE



CHALLENGE THE WORLD



GERMANY



GREAT BRITAIN



HUNGARY



ITALY



As compared to the original this, the sequel is a quantum leap forward in video racing. For example, the cars that looked like little Minchbox(tm) cars in the original have been replaced by large, well defined machines that move effortlessly through the game's 32 courses. The programmers at Sega have taken the extra time to make sure that details like the aggressiveness of the computer drivers and the modeled G-Forces of the different tracks were taken in to account. All of you racing fans out there will be spoiled by this title. The hardware geniuses at Sega have created software that belongs in the center of every driving master's viewer's circle.



MEXICO



JAPAN



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SAN MARINO



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SPAIN

MONACO GP



Check out this new fighting game. SD Flying Warriors is the super sequel to Ultimate Fighter and it looks really fun. With tons of moves and cool little characters, Culture Rush has finally made a good game. Look for it around April in Japan.



One of my favorite games of the recent CES, Tazmanian will make it's way into Game Fan's pages next month. Get ready for one of the funnest and most unique games you've played in a long time. There's great graphics, huge hills, oncoming traffic, and even the alto devil. Hey, Tag is just hungry. Find out more next month.



This month we're introducing you to a new variety of Darts that are thought we'd show you some more. Can you feel the awesome power of the DART? We can, and so will you! We'll be bringing you a LARGE review on this amazing game in next month's Darts Fan.



PREVIEWS



The long awaited Final Fight 2 is on it's way to the Super Famicom. The sequel to Final Fight incorporates two new characters not found in the original, and of course, the mighty Hager. And it's 2 player simultaneous! Wow, I can't wait for this one.



Capcom's Breath of Fire. You know it's going to be awesome. More next month.



Remember Air Diver? Well, the Super Famicom version should blow it away. Super Air Diver incorporates Nintendo's new DSP to give you sculling that will make your stomach turn. We'll keep you posted on the development of this cart.



All right! A new Konami shooter and it's not Paradius. Straight out of Japan's arcades, it's Twin Sae. An awesome 2 player simultaneous shooter where you can not only shoot your opponents, but punch them too. Major scrolls here, and of course awesome Konami music. Full review next month.

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BOMBER MAN '93

1000 AVENUE
PASSAGE
5 PLAYER
4-WAY
AVAILABLE



There's a great game coming out for the Turbo Duo and it doesn't need spectacular graphics. It doesn't need incredible sound and the play control is rather basic. But then again, it doesn't need to be anything more than what it is. Even the theme of the game is quite silly. There is one big reason why it is such a good game. It's fun! and it's addictive. It will make you swear and if you play with more than one player it will make you want to get revenge. It's Bomberman '93. Any

time I play Bomberman my friends want to join me. That's another great feature. You can play up to five players simultaneously, and when that happens you can be sure that the trash talking and the bold predictions won't end any time soon. In this new version there are some brand new levels with more warps and cool rotating traps and I'm sure that the

reappearing barriers will keep you on your toes. Overall I'm sure that if you give Bomberman '93 a try you will find a game that is loads of fun and will make you say "I am Bomberman".





Riot Zone



THUNDER
 ACTION
 1-PLAYER
 CO
 AVAIL. JUNE



If you own a Turbo Duo and you enjoy fighting games, you may have felt left out seeing the other systems getting all the cool one-on-one and side scrolling action fighting games. Well today's your lucky day, Riot Zone is on it's way to the Duo. While we can only give you a preview because the game is unfinished, what we saw looked very promising. Done in the spirit of Final Fight and Streets of Rage, Riot Zone promises to be a hot commodity for Turbo fans everywhere. You can pick from one out of two players (similar to Final Fight on the SNES) and each character has there own strengths and weaknesses along with special moves. They are also well-drawn, animated, and colorful. Riot Zone features large characters, backgrounds with a lot of variety and color, and rock music that really jams. There are





unique bosses and plenty of enemies, and in this game, it seems that the fun is here to stay. There are a limited amount of continues and you have 30 seconds per credit. But it's still one of the many new generation Turbo Duo games to keep your eyes peeled for. Look for us to do a complete review in an upcoming issue.



LORDS OF THUNDER™



Duo owners are in for a big surprise with the sequel to Gates of Thunder, Lords of Thunder. This game will blow you away! Owners of the first title will remember that the original had some of the best music ever heard on a Turbo/Duo title. Well, LOT is even better. The music is so intense that you will think you're listening to a new Van Halen CD. Yuzo has got some heavy competition here.



As for the graphics, they are first class all the way. The color and detail is remarkable. Especially when you consider the hardware limitations of the system. Play-wise, you are in for a battle of epic proportions. There are so many levels and boss characters in



this game that, after awhile, you begin to lose count. Lords of Thunder scores a solid "9" on the Palm Sweatometer and definitely deserves a position in the Shooter Hall of Fame.





BONK



HUDSON
 ACTION
 2 PLAYER
 4 MAG
 AVAILABLE



Bonk's back, bigger and better than ever, and this time you have the option of playing with two players, cool, huh? In Bonk 3, you get the same level of high quality graphics and music that you have come to expect from the Bonk-man. There are really no new surprises, no parallax scrolling, not much of a variation on the Bonk theme and essentially the same graphic presentation. The most exciting option you have in Bonk 3 is the ability to turn in to Kong Bonk and Super Tiny Bonk. Kong Bonk has to be seen to be believed, he is one of the largest controllable sprites ever seen in a video game. Although I found the game to be a little on the slow side and Bonk 3 provided no new challenge, Bonk fans will not want to miss the thrill of guiding their king-sized hero through this new adventure.



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PARODIUS

The PC Engine version of the popular Konami arcade classic, is breathtaking. As the first 8 meg card, and the first Konami game to appear on the PC Engine, this is a dead on, direct arcade translation. The graphics are excellent and the cartoony characters are everything you would expect from quality game design.

There are about 9 stages taken from all pre-

vious Gradius games, but with tons of humor, not plain old boring bosses and backgrounds. The music is also funny, with some of the best music to come out of a PC Engine game, ever.

All in all, if you like Konami's Gradius series, and are in search of a good shooter, Parodius is the definite choice!





(HORROR STORY)



Imagine taking the characters from Slime World and dropping them into a spook filled, two player simultaneous action game and you've got Horror Story, NEC Avenue's new Super CD action title for the PC/Duo. This is quite the interesting little game. It has very addicting game play, nice detailed graphics, multiple scrolling backgrounds and loads of spooks, including large well drawn bosses. This is one of those games where level completion depends on grabbing the right icons to get the





weapon best suited for that level. It also helps to have player two fighting on the rooftops and higher places, as enemies emerge both high and low. With so few action titles available on PC Engine, I would have to say that Horror Story ranks high. Although there's not much innovation here, the game is fun to play, is long and diverse and has a good soundtrack and above average graphics, when compared to others on this format. I really hope all of you PC/Duo fans don't overlook this one, you deserve a good action game once in awhile.



COTTON

HUDSON
SHOOTER
UPDATER
CD
AND NOW ON



When a system is loaded down with shooters, you need a good reason to buy another one. Cotton is a good reason. We have played every shooter on this system and have found few, if any, to be better. Since this is a preview, I won't go in for a full blown analysis. But, I can tell you that when it comes to color, graphics, special FX and music, this game is definitely a cut above the rest, and one that every PC Engine gamer should have. I heard today from a little witch somewhere that it's coming out in the U.S. this year. I wonder if she was telling the truth or not.



3 COUNT BOUNCE

3-PLAYER
WRESTLING
GAME
AVAILABLE





Ladies and Gentlemen ... In this corner weighing in at 82 megs we introduce to you 3 COUNT BOUT! Raah! That's right, SNK has a new game up their sleeve and it's coming soon to your Neo Geo. From what we've seen on our early version, it is definitely going to draw a big crowd. You get to choose from 8 gigantic wrestlers, each from different nations and compete in the ultimate wrestle fest, around, in, or out of the ring. Yes, you can wrestle out on the streets and throw your opponent into the hood of parked cars. If you think this sounds awesome ... it is. In the graphics department, 3 Count Bout shows off bright colors and highly detailed characters, and the music goes along great with the head smashing and bone crushing. As far as control goes, it is vaguely similar to Wrestle War by Sega. A wide variety of moves make this the best wrestling game I have ever played. Full review next month.



Magician Lord



NEO GEO CLASSIC
MAGICIAN LORD
2 PLAYER
40 MEGS
AVAILABLE NOW



Magician Lord is a masterpiece in my opinion. It is one of, if not the, best action platform game ever created. With only 46 megs, it easily out plays those "100 meg shockers". The Protobrother has been going crazy lately over all the letters asking how to conquer this mighty challenge so he asked Kid Fan to lend a helping hand. The following pages will point out some of the more critical parts of the game. This should help you finish it in no time. Magician Lord is destined to become a Neo Geo classic, and is a true test for any Die Hard gamer. Oh, and by the way Alpha, where's part 2? ... I'm waiting. . .

Level 1



Kill all the birds before trying to move on!



Fall, don't climb the ladder.



Stand and jump here.

Duck here to avoid the fireballs.

Level 2



Shoot enemies before going up.



Ahh, the third power up!



After spike 1, walk to the middle



Just duck and jump.

Level 3



Power Up Door.



Boss Door.



Walk under and shoot.



Yeeesh, bad breath!

Level 4



Behind this door lies power ups, and then it's straight up from here; don't bother going further to the right.

Level 5



Jump here and run.

I love this guy!

Jump the ice.

Stand here to shoot the bubbles.

Level 6



Walk under the flying babes.

He's handi-capable!

Jump left from here...

...avoiding the platforms...



... landing here ...

... for these great power ups.

Kill the green girls first.

No problems here.

Level 7



Level 8



just when you thought it was over...





Do you remember way back when the Neo Geo first hit the arcades? And, the first time you played Nam '75? Well, I do and its now 2 years later and I'm bringing this great game back to you, right here, in the hallowed pages of Game Fan. When I first caught a glimpse of this masterpiece, I said to myself: whoa! awesome graphics, incredible music and a great story/mission. Change, please!

This multi-stage blast fest takes you through the steaming jungles of Vietnam on a 7 level mission to destroy or be destroyed. Nam '75 still stands up as a take no prisoners shooter that makes you feel like you are there, taking the heat and dishing out major

gust. Graphically, the game is intense to fit someplace as a representation of cinema quality graphics and super animated sequences. The music line that flows but may interest that you

would associate with a quiet walk through the jungle, blasting the 'cong.

Nam '75 is not for those that are faint of heart or weak of thumb. Fortunately, SNK rarely ignores the 2 player option, and they have kindly provided one here.

For most people, it will take the 2 player option to beat the game. So, you may need to do a little basic

training before you tackle this challenge alone. Nam '75 is a great game to add to your Neo Geo catalogue. With the number of fighting games available for this system, it is refreshing to take on a great shooter like Nam '75.



THE IMPORT RPG SPECIAL

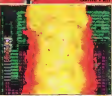


Here is just a small sampling of some of the great RPG's Japanese gamers are enjoying while we are stuck with our cackles action and shooting games here in the states. Basically American companies are playing it safe producing what they know for they think they know the masses will buy. Well, it's time for us to wake them up! If we want RPG's here in the states we have to let them know. To date Sega has announced both Shining Force and Lands of Mystery U.S. release. At least that's a start. Wait for longer and more to come this way to the game fan club.



As we remain constantly dry on RPG's here in the United States (don't that part of the reason we bought Sega CD's?), gamers in Japan are enjoying a steady flow of quality 1st generation CD role playing games. They Area was the first RPG I really got in to on my Mega CD and is one that I will never forget. This is due mainly to 3 things: number one, the music They Area is blessed with is some of the most dramatic and involving music I have ever heard. Number 2, the fight scenes. Wolfteam's geniuses give you 2 windows. On one side you strike, with moves or magic, you then see the results of your carnage in the enemy display. Both are animated nicely. There is also some smooth scrolling as you pick the monster you plan to attack, and some of the magic spells are dazzling. And, number 3, the attention to detail. Each town and every character is drawn fantastically, down to the smallest detail. A good American RPG player will go through They Area in about 50 hours, as it is quite linear and not too hard to figure out.

For more information on They Area I hope you have a Mega-CD, write to Game Fan club me, E. Storm



AISLE LORD

DIFFICULTY (American Player):
HARD
APPROX. LENGTH:
100+ HOURS

WOLFTEAM
RPG
1-PLAYER
MEGA CD
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Hey, E. Storm again. Aisle Lord was the 2nd RPG I played on my Mega CD, and let me start off by saying I hope you have a lot of time to play RPG's, because this game will suck you in for a long, long journey. I can remember being stuck in the latter dungeons for up to 10 hours at a time. In Aisle Lord, you will travel through huge towns, forests that seem to go on forever and long, cavernous labyrinths. The scrolling in all these venues is a smooth and seamless. The fight scenes in Aisle Lord, although not as graphically impressive as Fiey-Area, are some of the most involved you will ever encounter, with a huge variety of strategies. For instance, you can lay down a graph and actually walk each character to a separate location in the 3D environment, before you even engage in battle. Some fight scenes can last up to 10 minutes, while others are as short as 1 minute. There are countless magic spells, as well as healing and special attacks. But, perhaps the best thing about Aisle Lord is that it allows you to escape. After a few hours, you will feel as if you are in the game. Aisle Lord also features some of the most creative animation sequences I have seen to date, and a nice full motion intro. I highly recommend Aisle Lord to adventurous and well skilled RPG players, *as just beautiful.*

For more information on Fiey-Area I hope you have a Mega-CD, write to Game Fan clove, E. Storm



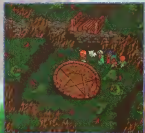
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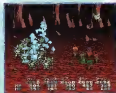
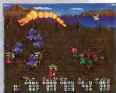
THE SILVER STAR

GAME ARTS
RPG
PLAYER
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One of, if not the, best experiences I have had since I started playing RPG's is Lunar. Gamearts poured their heart and soul in to this game and the result is pure magic. Lunar has everything an RPG player could ever ask for; brilliant, colorful and detailed towns with perfect attention to detail, incredibly detailed characters and enemies who take place in animated fight scenes that make Final Fantasy look like 8-bit and music that is so incredible, I guarantee you will listen to it over and over, long after you have beaten the game.

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off on a huge adventure across the sea, to the magical floating city and all its vast surrounding areas. Lunar is a massive game filled with brilliant animation sequences between big events, and an ending that you will not believe. If this game is not picked up over here, it will convince me once and for all that some of the so called marketing pros are brain donors. But, since I know that's not true, I'll look forward to playing Lunar again. And, I won't need Kei to translate everything for me this time.



EXPERIENCE ONE OF THE BEST SOUNDTRACKS OF ALL TIME!





FF V is one of the only games on the market that truly shows off 16 megs of programming power. This cart continues the tradition of previous FF games on SNES. The game features outstanding graphics (of course), impressive sound and music, some new features not found in previous FF adventures, and a strong story line with a deep, involved quest.

As mentioned earlier, this game has some new features, including: a new JOB system, submarines, an improved ATB system and facial expressions on each of the characters. JOB systems are featured so each character can change his reputation and abilities at any time during the game. For instance, if you have a knight, you can make him perform white magic. In brief, you can create characters such as: knights with white magic, ninjas with caller magic, thieves with coin throws, etc.. A submarine is offered as a new mode of transportation, where your character can travel either on the surface of or under the water with the touch of a button. The graphic detail in the game extends to clever facial expressions that are used during almost every event, adding a touch of humor not often found in role playing games.

FF V is also known for a character named Chocobo (Chickens). In past adventures, Chocobo did not play an important role in the quest. But, in this version he is critical to the outcome of the game. Overall, FF V is the best RPG I have played on the SFC/SNES. Final Fantasy Five is a must buy for any role playing freak and is highly recommended.



DRAGON
RPG
POWER
TO MEG
MAY NOW ON

DRAGON BALL Z



HP	MP	SP	DEF
5000	500	100	10000
5000	500	100	50000

バトル
カード
システム

Dragon Ball Z is based on the popular Japanese comic and cartoon series. There are 7 balls spread throughout the world. Obtain all 7 and the white dragon will appear and make your wishes come true. Our main character "Son Goku" and his friends are in a race against time to find these balls and keep them out of the hands of the evil freezers, who plan to use their powers to control the entire universe. What sets DBZ apart from other RPG's is the "card battle system". Where, instead of buying weapons and armour with money, you receive 5 cards before each battle displaying 2 sets of numbers and one big letter in the center. To do more damage in battle the attack number on your card must be higher than your enemies (the defense mechanism works the same way). The center letters represent martial arts styles used in battle. The animated battles in DBZ are spectacular, it's like watching a cartoon! This is an RPG experience DBZ fans must have, but even if you've never seen DBZ, it's still an interesting game due to the unique fighting scenes and the ability to fly around the map. If you're a pro at import RPG's it's worth a look, but for novice RPG players, it may be a bit too complex... Hope for a US release.

DRAGON BALL Z

DRAGON BALL Z



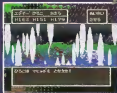
DRAGON BALL Z



DRAGON QUEST



ENIX
RPG
1 PLAYER
12 MEG
FAM. WON. JAN



Dragon Quest brings back some of the best memories my life, as I've played every quest on the 8 Bit Famicom. I have been eagerly awaiting the arrival of a 16bit version for a long, long time. So, when it finally showed up I was happy beyond words. What I find so exciting about the Dragon Quest series is the great playability and the highly involved and well planned story line.

A long, long time ago, the evil monster King was killed by Heroes from heaven, since then a few hundred years have passed with no fear. But a mysterious darkness has approached this peaceful world. So now you and your father will set out on a journey through the world of DQV to solve its mystery. During the course of this adventure you will grow from the age of 8 to adult, and eventually you and your father will save the world.

Look for more on this awesome RPG in our next RPG special!



RANDOM
RPG
PLAYER
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ANALOG PA

Villgust



Shun and Michio are the best couple in their Jr. High school. One day, on the way home, a funny looking rabbit with red eyes appears to them and transports them into the amazing world of Villgust...Shun wakes up alone only to be confronted by 4 warriors who tell him Michio has been kidnapped. Shun befriends them and they set out together to rescue her. You'll be using both weapons and magic in the many battle scenes. However, each time you fight the same enemy, you will earn less and less, so you must travel to gain experience quickly. Villgust has awesome music. I think music is one of the most important aspects in an RPG and Villgust's music, with the extra bonus, will keep you going. Another strong point is the size and detail of the characters. They appear large on the play field and have big heads and sweet bodies, like Super Deformers. You can see their eyes, nose and mouth if you look closely. Even though Villgust is a standard RPG, it is one of the best of its kind. I believe that it will keep you involved from beginning to end. Find one and get it.





SEGA'S NEW
RPG
1-PLAYER
2-PLAYER
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SHINING FORCE



1,000 years ago, there was a dark evil power destroying the world, the people called it, Dark Dragon, and were powerless against it. Then one day, the goddess of light and power stood up and fought the Dark Dragon, finally sealing it deep underground. But just before sealing the tomb the dragon cried out "I will be resurrected in 1,000 years". This became a legend and has been passed down for generations. 1,000 years have now passed and now the country of Ruinfest is at war with Gardians.

Shining Force is an icon driven strategy/RPG. The icon system allows the game to move at a rapid pace. When you are in the fighting mode you will strategically set up your legions for battle on the hexagon battlefield. Don't let this remind you of boring strategy games, the music here is excellent and once the fighting begins (especially in the latter levels where powerful magic is used) you will witness some of the best graphics you have ever seen and awesome special effects. Shining Force contains 6



engulfing scenarios, and over 30 long grueling battles. I guarantee you won't want to put this one down once you get in to it. I've beaten this twice and am currently going through it a third time, it's always new. Look for a full review on the U.S. version next month.





SEGA JAPAN
ACT/RPG
1 PLAYER
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All the kingdoms of the world are at peace but the evil queen "Desire", who possesses the Ring of the Spider, and is in league with the devil, becomes jealous of these peaceful times and decides to murder every king and take over the entire world. This is a story of a young boy who survives this carnage only to awake with amnesia. Now, with only the markings on his hand to lead him, he sets out to find the truth and destroy the evil queen for what she has done. As I started playing this game I realized there was much more to it than I ever expected. The graphics in the dungeons are well shaded and highly detailed. The dungeons in King Colossus are not as complex as ones found in similar RPG's, but are just as challenging because of the many enemies you must defeat. At one point in the game you are captured and enslaved, you must then fight in a tournament for your freedom. The on going story line helped keep me involved in this quest. The playability in King Colossus is very good. Your main character controls perfectly and has one button for magic, one for jumping and one for using weapons. The sequence of events and challenging dungeons will keep you interested all the way through. I found myself playing this game for hours every day. And although this game doesn't stack up to games like Zelda and Castlevania, I highly recommend it to all action RPG enthusiasts.



THE POSTMEISTER

Hey you! I'm the Postmeister here to answer all your questions, no matter what you want to ask me, ask! I've got the answer! So write me a letter or I'll come to your house and steal your mail... sure I'm CRAZY!!

Dear Postmeister,

I have only one thing to say about your magazine (Doom!), it has the best information and reviews that I have ever seen. I must say it is the only one that displays the correct color of the games. I also like the thick pages in your magazine, they don't rip like the other ones. You are now my #1 magazine. My question is: Is Strider 2 going to be as good as the first? And how about some screen shots? Don't change a thing!

Sincerely,

James P. DiAndrade
Green Belt, Maryland

Dear Josin,

Thanks for the 800M! As for Strider 2, the early version I played at the recent CES looked very promising, although the character could have used more animation. Unfortunately, there is some legal trouble regarding the name (which will undoubtedly now change), so the game has been pushed back. We'll keep you up to date and try to bring you a preview as soon as possible. P.S. (If you have a SNES check out Run Saber, it's almost identical to Strider, and it's 2 player). Thanks for the letter!

Dear Postmeister,

First of all I love the magazine. You have incredible pictures and reviews. I especially like your great coverage on the Turbo Duo. The other magazines all seem to have the same one question, is there a controller with buttons in slots for the Turbo Duo? They don't even touch up the excellent work. P.S. Any word on Snatcher by Konami?

From your new reader,
Kevin Gibson
Chaseley, Nebraska

Dear Kevin,

We will continue our in-depth coverage on both the Turbo and PC Duo, we feel these systems still have a lot to offer. With games like Dungeon Explorer 2 and Snatcher (which will come out over here) on the way, these systems will continue to get our full support. As for a new controller, fighting Street 2 is currently in development so I wouldn't be surprised if there's a new controller to go along with it, but no formal announcement has been made. Stay glued to Other Stuff for constant updates.

Dear Postmeister,

I've just received my first issue of Game Fan and it blew my head off (just a little of speed). Wow! It's as big as your competitors, your mag is definitely worth the money. I have a couple of questions that I hope you will answer: 1) I was wondering if there is any way I could get my hands on your first issue? 2) Will you guys really go to Japan to get a game that I might want to own? 3) Will you guys feature more things about Japan? Thank you for hearing me out, Doris Arigato Goodnight!

Sincerely,

Greg "Gashin-E" Kam
Pearl City, Hawaii

Dear Sheeshit,

Your copy of our first issue is already on the way to Hawaii. As for as going to Japan, we have strong relationships with every third party computer so we don't need to travel there to bring you our incredible exclusives. However, we will visit Japan at least six times this year, especially for shows and to bring you more information on what's happening overseas.

To the mighty Postmeister,

I lit my torch and undid my sword and headed down the maze filled corridor. A pair of oak doors stood at the end. I approached. Sweat was beading down my neck. The time has come. I kicked open the door and beholdness as Eternously Goes Monster. I walked out, hearing it into pieces. Its reign had ended, inside was a golden chest. I opened it "Yes! The next issue of Die Hard Game Fan!" My waiting was over. As I paged through it, I saw pictures so bright and clear as an RGB screen, drawings throughout that were amazing, and reviews that would rock the gaming world, pics that would make me laugh, and more information in a single page than in volumes of other mags. So I took out my smelter and asked the mighty Postmeister to answer my questions. When will Landstalker be in our groups in this land? Will you please continue to have pages like page 17 of the January issue? And could you do a review of all the RPG's coming out or have a pick of the best like your Fight Special in January? The questions were done. I put the smelter back into my bag and went off to spread the news of Game Fan through all the land. The new leader in Decadence.

Bye, The Magstaller
Oswegton, New Jersey

Dear Magstaller,

This awesome letter just got you a free subscription to Game Fan. Don't worry you play quite a few RPG's. How'd you like our special in this issue? As for Land Stalker, it is scheduled for a 4th quarter release. Sign heard on! Keep the awesome letters coming. It's nice to talk to someone who is as crazy as I am. P.S. Look for Mega Stone in our next issue.

THE REASON WE MAKE GAME FAN...

Dear Game Fan,

It's about time a magazine has come out that I can read and not feel as though I'm stealing candy from a baby. You treat us all with the utmost respect. Listen up hobbyists, this is the magazine that sends shivers down the spines of all the competition. This is the magazine that all die hard video game hobbyists can turn to for the best in depth reporting anywhere on this side of the galaxy. Why you might ask? I'll tell you why. They're not just the owners of the best magazine in the business, they are gamers just like you and I. They're the best in the game. They're Die Hard.

Listen tell you how important this hobby is to me. I am disabled, confined to a wheel chair since birth, always wanting to compete in athletics and not being able to. But times have changed for me and many other disabled Americans. Because of video games, we can now compete in a world that is made of chips and bytes. The world that all us hobbyists know and love as the video game world. It's not just kid stuff anymore. Thank you for your first.

R.P.
Huller, Mass.

Well said.

Ed
A. Schaefer, Jr.



OTHER STUFF

Lets get going with some big news to start out this month's Other Stuff... Are you ready?

Here's the exclusive first news on **Street Fighter 3**. This new version will incorporate only two of the original cast from part two, Ryu and Sagat. You know what that means... **14 new characters!** Now, when Ryu does his fireball, he has an aura around him, and Sagat can now do a tiger knee helicopter kick. Instead of 3 special moves per character, there are now 5, and there is no more lag time after throwing a fireball, you can now automatically connect it with a dragon punch. And there's no more charging to do moves like Gille's sonic boom or Blanka's spinning ball from part 2. There will also be one command that all the characters can use. As far as new characters, we know about two so far, Chun Li's younger sister, and Bison's mentor (who will be the last boss), his name is Shadow Lu. Street Fighter 3 is only a working title (even the name may change). This new game will incorporate two new 16 bit processors created by Capcom, which will be running parallel to each other (parallel processing). We'll have more info for you next month and maybe a big surprise. Remember you heard it here first.

Now for some Nintendo news...

We hear Nintendo's 2nd SFX game **Super Hero Racing** will be much faster than Starfox because it is using the final version of the new chip (Starfox used a preliminary version), and is all first person perspective like F-Zero but with texture mapped polygons lining the sides of the road. This game is approximately 50% complete and our source tells us that it is the best driving game he has ever seen, including even the arcades.

More SFX news...

The third SFX game will be an action shooter that allows you to walk freely through a 3D environment, and the fourth game is rumored to be some type of adventure game. We'll try to bring you more on these two games next month. As far as third parties go, JVC is working on Return of the Jedi (they're first SFX game), which is slated for release some time next year. Konami is also hard at work on they're first SFX title **Castlevania V**, which is about 25% complete. There is a slight possibility that this game could end up on the CD. This, of course, depends on whether the CD comes out on time. Konami is also working on **Turtles V**, which will be an entirely new game and may incorporate the 4 player tap. Look for this one late this year. And finally Konami's second SFX game is said to be a Cybermator type shooter where after interacting with other characters, you can choose them in battle. This info is way early so some things could change. Look for this title mid to late next year. Capcom is working on a sequel to Area 88, which will be 2 player simultaneous and feature all new levels. We probably won't see this one until next winter's CES.

And now for some Sega...

The new re-designed Genesis/CD combo (CD 2) is coming soon, and Sega has also announced a price on their new virtual reality system. The **VR Voyager** will retail under \$199 and can be used with the activator for a realistic virtual reality experience. As far as games go, the most exciting news is the announcement of a new **Mickey Mouse** adventure for Sega CD that will incorporate all your favorite Disney characters, this new game will use the 4 player tap and allow you to control Mickey, Donald, Pinocchio, and Goofy. And don't forget about Real Fighters, Sega's awesome new fighting game is nearing completion. Konami's first Sega CD game will be **Lethal Enforcers** and Over In Japan, Konami is working on **Castlevania** for the Mega Drive. Here's some more interesting Sega news... Sega may plan to market Mega Drive games that never made it to the U.S. featuring the Sega seal of approval, that means games like Magical Troll would finally be available in the U.S. Sega has also announced that they will be bringing out Landstalker later this year (Good choice!). And finally, extra footage was filmed for Jurassic Park that can only be seen on the Sega CD and 3DO systems, and a new Sonic cartoon will premiere this fall, and guess who's doing the voice? We hope that this cartoon does Sonic justice and doesn't look stiff like most Saturday morning cheapies.

Heavy hitters...

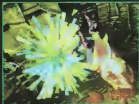
From all we've heard about the up coming new systems, the **3DO** seems to be the most promising. This new machine has unbelievable capabilities, like a graphics animation processor that delivers 50x the performance of current video game systems, millions of simultaneous colors, CD quality sound with digital processing, full screen full color video at 30 frames per second, a 32 bit RISC CPU for interactive processing, a double speed CD rom player for faster data access and transfer, and a multitasking operating system. What scores me is the list of applications, which include: Home video editing (yawn), children's story books (yawn), educational (yawn), multi media encyclopedias (big yawn), and last on their list is "realistic video games". Lets hope they make enough of these to make it worth the heavy price tag. And one final note, we know for a fact that the Atari **Jaguar** is real. It's a 64 bit system and they're shooting for a price around \$200. Supposedly, all current Lynx developers will be producing games. This leaves the Lynx in certain peril. We'll have more killer information for you next month in Other Stuff.



I don't know about you, but if this is Blaze I would love to be Axel! Although I doubt I could keep my mind on the fighting. Actually this is Reina Hazuki, star of the Bare Knuckle commercial in Japan. Kel is working on a portfolio for a future issue.



Aze International correspondent Kai Kubold wanted us to show you the massive herds of people he had to fight through at the Sega World show. Are you happy now Kel?



Check out this early shot of Taito's new 3D shooter, Pyramid Patrol (working title) Whoa!

SEGA PC ENGINE KARAOKE



July is going to be a great month. We can't wait to get our hands on the new Pioneer Laseractive LD rom. Which will play the all new Mega LD's and PC Engine CD's (with the added hardware shown above). Because of it's heavy price tag, this system may not be for everyone. But, no worries! Game Fan will have extensive coverage on this and all the new CD rom's for '93 and an all new section.



Here it is, the first screen shot of Jurassic park for 3DO. From what we saw the game actually mimics real life. Of all the new system's 3DO's the one to watch!



JOE & MAC™

If you're still got your NES don't miss Joe & Mac. This game is loaded with scrolls and colors. We couldn't believe it was an 8 bit game. Lookout TG16!





Here's a side scrolling action game only E. Storm could love, Legend of Ulia: Burning Soul. Don't expect this game to ever make it over here but, look for a full review in Quarter Cruncher's, Game Fix's upcoming arcade section.



Mythic Warriors is as it's way to America. We had to show you some new shots

because this one looks like it's going to be Amazing! Expect it sometime in April at an arcade near you.

WORLD HEROES 2

PLAYER SELECT



Following the success of Alpha Denshi's World Heroes comes World Heroes 2. In this version you can now pick from 14 characters instead of 8. The new version includes character vs character, faster game play, and some awesome hidden moves (similar to Fatal Fury). Fatal Fury 2 move over, Alpha Denshi's new fighting game could be the new king of the hill!



Capcom has another potential mega hit on their hands with Muscle Bomber, (American title could change) which includes Hagar from Final Fight and 9 others. Hagar's moves include: his trademark pile driver, double arm buster, and the sword driver. The only thing this game has in common with actual wrestling are the regulations (ring exits and pins, etc.). Other than that it's filled with special moves Hulk Hogan could only dream of. No date has yet been announced, but we'll keep you posted.



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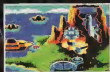
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